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February 26, 2003

Ms. Marietta Joyce  
Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231  
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RE: Certificate of Correction  
Patent No.: 6,439,107 B1  
Dated: August 27, 2002  
Inventor: Norman R. Bourgeois  
Our File No.: 08395.7C5 (C01029US)

**APPROVED**

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Dear Ms. Joyce:


FOR THE DIRECTOR OF USPTO

In accordance with our telephone conference of February 26, 2003, enclosed is a copy of the original request of issuance of a Certificate of Correction requesting that claims 1, 34, 50 and 57 be corrected for amendments which had been approved by the Examiner during prosecution but not included in the issued patent. The Certificate of Correction issued included the requested correction amendments to claims 1, 50 and 57, but omitted those to claim 34. I believe this is an oversight. Would you please look into this and call me?

Also attached is a copy of the Certificate of Correction issued on December 24, 2002.

Thanking you for your assistance, I remain

Sincerely,



Brett A. North

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Enclosure

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Norman Bourgeois

APPLICATION NO. 09/838,091(PAT NO: 6,439,107)      GROUP ART UNIT: 1761

FILED:            4/19/01

EXAMINER: SIMONE, T.

FOR:            "GAS FIRED OUTDOOR COOKING APPARATUS"

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. C01019US (08395.7C5)

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**REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**



Assistant Commissioner Of Patents and Trademarks  
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Dear Sirs:

This is a request that a certificate of correction be issued for the above-referenced patent to correct an error in failing to include claim amendments entered by the Examiner before issuance. The request is based on an error of the PTO under 35 U.S.C. § 254 and therefore no fee has been included.

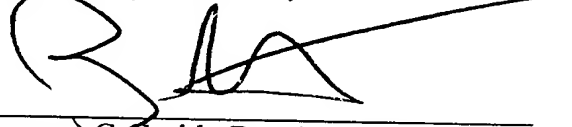
On May 1, 2002, applicant submitted an "Amendment After Allowance Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 And Clarification Of Title." (See Exhibit A which includes a copy of the Amendment). In the Amendment it was requested that claims 1, 34, 50, and 57 be amended. On July 9, 2002, the Examiner entered the amendments for claims 1, 34, 50, and 57 as indicated by the attached Office Communication (See Exhibit B). However, when the patent issued the amendments were not included in the issued patent.

Accordingly, applicant requests that a certificate of correction be issued amending the claims as set forth in the amendment as entered. Completed Forms PTO/SB/44 have been included to facilitate issuance of the requested certificate of correction. To facilitate clarity, the complete claims to be corrected (1, 34, 50, and 57) have been included in the Certificate of Correction.

The Commissioner is respectfully petitioned for any extension of time necessary to render this response timely.

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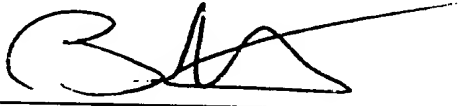
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- b) a pot that includes a generally flat bottom portion and a generally cylindrically shaped continuous sidewall, the pot having a generally cylindrically shaped interior; and
- c) the frame including a plurality of struts that each include a plurality of strut portions, one of the strut portions extending upwardly along a generally vertical path, another of the strut portions extending horizontally to provide a horizontal surface that can cradle the bottom of the pot, another strut portion providing a downwardly extending leg;
- d) wherein the struts provide a lateral restraint structure for preventing tilting or lateral movement of the pot such as when the liner is inserted into or removed from the pot.--

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- b) a pot supported by the frame during use and having a side wall, a bottom and an open top;
- c) a burner element for generating a high intensity flame for use in cooking;
- d) a supply hose for supplying pressurized fuel gas to the burner;
- e) the burner frame including a plurality of struts, each strut including generally vertical and generally horizontal strut portions, each vertical strut portion extending upwardly along a generally vertical path that is generally parallel to the pot side wall and each horizontal strut portion extending horizontally to engage the pot bottom; and
- f) wherein each strut includes an inclined section.--

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- b) a pot that includes a generally flat bottom portion and a generally cylindrically shaped continuous sidewall, the pot having a generally cylindrically shaped interior; and
- c) the frame including a plurality of struts that each include a plurality of strut portions, one of the strut portions extending upwardly along a generally vertical path, another of the strut portions extending horizontally to provide a horizontal surface that can cradle the bottom of the pot, another strut portion providing a downwardly extending leg;
- d) wherein the struts provide a lateral restraint structure for preventing tilting or lateral movement of the pot such as when the liner is inserted into or removed from the pot.–

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At Column 13, Claim 50 should read as follows:

-- 50. A cooking apparatus, comprising:

- a) a frame that includes a base for engaging an underlying support surface, the frame having a burner element for generating a high intensity flame for use in cooking, and a supply hose for supplying fuel to the cooking element;
- b) a pot that includes a generally flat bottom portion and a generally cylindrically shaped continuous sidewall, the pot having a generally cylindrically shaped interior;
- c) the burner frame including a plurality of struts that include first, second strut portions that closely conform respectively to the bottom portion and side wall of the pot, the second strut portion extending horizontally to provide a horizontal surface that can cradle the bottom of the pot and the first strut portion extending upwardly along a generally vertical path;
- d) wherein the struts form a lateral restraint to the pot for limiting lateral movement of the pot such as when the liner is inserted into or removed from the pot; and
- e) each strut including a leg portion that extends well below the burner element.--

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At Column 9, Claim 1 should read as follows:

-- 1. A cooking apparatus, comprising:

a) a burner having a frame that includes a base for engaging an underlying support surface, the frame having a burner element for generating a high intensity flame for use in cooking, a supply hose for supplying propane to the burner element, the burner frame having a support surface for cradling a pot;

b) a pot that includes a generally flat bottom portion and a generally cylindrically shaped continuous sidewall, the pot having a generally cylindrically shaped interior;

c) the frame including a plurality of at least three struts, each strut including a first strut portion, a second strut portion and a third strut portion, the first strut portion of each strut being generally parallel with the bottom portion of the pot, the second strut portion of each strut extending in a generally vertical direction from the first strut portion, the third strut portion extending downwardly from the first strut portion;

d) at least a portion of each of the first strut portions extending underneath the bottom portion of the pot when the pot is placed on the frame; and

e) the second strut portions restricting a range of lateral pot movement during use of the cooking apparatus such as when a food to be cooked is inserted into or removed from the pot.--

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At Column 14, Claim 57 should read as follows:

— 57. A cooking apparatus, comprising:

- a) a frame having a base for engaging an underlying support surface;
- b) a pot supported by the frame during use and having a side wall, a bottom and an open top;
- c) a burner element for generating a high intensity flame for use in cooking;
- d) a supply hose for supplying pressurized fuel gas to the burner;
- e) the burner frame including a plurality of struts, each strut including generally vertical and generally horizontal strut portions, each vertical strut portion extending upwardly along a generally vertical path that is generally parallel to the pot side wall and each horizontal strut portion extending horizontally to engage the pot bottom; and
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Column 9,

Line 2, should read as follows:

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  - b) a pot that includes a generally flat bottom portion and a generally cylindrically shaped continuous sidewall, the pot having a generally cylindrically shaped interior;
  - c) the frame including a plurality of at least three struts, each strut including a first strut portion, a second strut portion and a third strut portion, the first strut portion of each strut being generally parallel with the bottom portion of the pot, the second strut portion of each strut extending in a generally vertical direction from the first strut portion, the third strut portion extending downwardly from the first strut portion;
  - d) at least a portion of each of the first strut portions extending underneath the bottom portion of the pot when the pot is placed on the frame; and
  - e) the second strut portions restricting a range of lateral pot movement during use of the cooking apparatus such as when a food to be cooked is inserted into or removed from the pot. --

Columns 11-12,

Claim 34 should read as follows:

- 34. A cooking apparatus, comprising:
- a) a burner having a frame that includes a base for engaging an underlying support surface, the frame having a burner element for generating a high intensity flame for use in cooking, the burner frame having a support surface for cradling a pot;
  - b) a pot that includes a generally flat bottom portion and a generally cylindrically shaped continuous sidewall, the pot having a generally cylindrically shaped interior; and
  - c) the frame including a plurality of struts that each include a plurality of strut portions, one of the strut portions extending upwardly along a generally vertical path, another of the strut portions extending horizontally to provide a horizontal surface that can cradle the bottom of the pot, another strut portion providing a downwardly extending leg;
  - d) wherein the struts provide a lateral restraint structure for preventing tilting or lateral movement of the pot such as when the liner is inserted into or removed from the pot. --

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Column 13,

Line 16, should read as follows:

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  - f) wherein each strut includes an inclined section. --

This certificate supersedes Certificate of Correction issued December 24, 2002

Signed and Sealed this

Sixth Day of May, 2003

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James E. Rogan", with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

JAMES E. ROGAN  
*Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office*

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Column 13 cont'd

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Twenty-fourth Day of December, 2002

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